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Campaign Resumed; Now Past \$600,000

With more than \$600,000 already subscribed, Presbyterian College's Diamond Jubilee Development program now has launched campaigns in six regions simultaneously. The total goal of these six regions: \$301,000.

The areas now organizing for drives include: Rock Hill (all of Bethel Presbytery), with a goal of \$92,000; Columbia (most of Congaree Presbytery), seeking \$70,000; Macon (more than one-half of Augusta-Macon Presbytery), \$40,000; Athens Presbytery, \$39,000; Sumter (one-half of Harmony Presbytery), \$35,000; and Kingstree (the other one-half of Harmony), \$25,000.

Thus, if success is achieved in these six regions during the next few weeks, the College will move past its minimum objective of \$750,000 in 1956 and head toward its long-range appeal for \$2,000,000.

"Every penny we are given will meet a great need," President Marshall W. Brown emphasized. "It is imperative that Presbyterian College add several new buildings, expand and improve present facilities and increase its endowment for scholarships if we are to continue to serve effectively our constituency within the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina."

Dr. Brown said the trustees and officials of Presbyterian College are heartened by the generous support given this program by Presbyterians in the 11 regions in which campaigns already have been conducted.

He pointed out that \$604,000 has been paid or pledged by

3,920 subscribers, for an average gift of \$154.

Twelve outstanding Presbyterian leaders are heading up the six campaigns now getting underway. These co-chairmen are:

Rock Hill region — George Dunlap and the Rev. Henry P. Mobley, both of Rock Hill; Columbia—John C. B. Smith and the Rev. Francis B. Mayes, both of Columbia; Macon—Henry K. Burns and the Rev. John E. Richards, both of Macon; Athens—Russell Daniel, Jr., and the Rev. Harmon B. Ramsey, both of Athens; Sumter—Judge Taylor H. Stukes of Manning and Gifford W. Shaw of Sumter; Kingstree—J. Hugh McCutchen and the Rev. Donald Bailey, both of Kingstree.

The most urgently needed facilities which the development program will permit the College to add in the near future are a new student center and a chapel-auditorium.

Development Campaign Leaders . . .



Daniel



Ramsey



Smith

Athens Region Co-Chairmen

Colum

PC Adds Staff Members For 76th Session

A former Davis-Elkins president, a past dean of Clemson and an outstanding religious writer are among the new faculty additions at Presbyterian College this year.

These three men are: Dr. Raymond B. Purdom, who served as president of Davis-Elkins College for ten years after heading its chemistry department for 18 years—professor of chemistry; Col. Albert J. Thackston, Jr., recently retired army officer who was dean of men at Clemson College for three years—dean of students; and Dr. Joseph M. Gettys, author of numerous religious books and pamphlets—professor of Bible.

President Marshall W. Brown also has announced the appointments of Dr. Karl A. Scheele as assistant professor of economics, George W. Clarke as assistant professor of history and William H. Jones as an instructor in mathematics. In addition, the Department of Defense has assigned Maj. Harry F. Lowman, Jr., as the third officer on the College ROTC staff.

Purdom, Gettys and Scheele all hold doctorate degrees in their special fields, and Clarke is expected to receive his Ph.D. degree in the near future.

Dr. Purdom was president of Davis-Elkins, the Presbyterian institution of West Virginia, from 1944-54. Prior to that, he had been dean for one year and chemistry professor from 1925 to 1943. Thackston has just retired from the U.S. Army at the age of 52 after 30 years of service. He was dean of men and commandant of cadets at Clemson, 1945-48, and has served the past four years as secretary of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff organization. Dr. Gettys, who came to PC from his position as minister of education of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Tex., is a former Bible professor of Queens College and the General Assembly Training School. His most widely known books are "How to Teach the Bible" and a series of publications on how to study various Bible books.

... Athens, Columbia, Rock Hill Regions



Mayes

Co-Chairmen



Dunlap

Rock Hill Region Co-Chairmen



Mobley

At Homecoming

Ground To Be Broken For Student Center

Ground-breaking ceremonies for Presbyterian College's new Memorial Student Center will be held as part of the Homecoming program on October 6.

This proposed building, to be erected as a memorial to the 65 alumni who lost their lives in World War II and the five who made the supreme sacrifice in the Korean War, is a major objective of the Diamond Jubilee Development program now in progress.

President Brown, in making the announcement, said the ground-breaking ceremonies had been moved forward several months so that alumni returning for Homecoming might share the occasion. Construction will begin early in 1957.

He pointed out that a new student center is vitally needed to continue to promote a wholesome extra-curricular program. The present one, an old frame house originally built as a residence for the president, serves the function in only a partial way and is now past the end of its useful life.

Several hundred alumni are

expected to return to Presbyterian College for the 1956 Homecoming. Besides the ground-breaking, they will return for special class reunions, an alumni luncheon, the alumni association meeting, a president's reception and the annual renewal of the football rivalry between PC and Davidson.

Nine PC Alumni Graduate From Columbia Seminary

Nine Presbyterian College alumni earned bachelor of divinity degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary last June, and three of this group received special awards at commencement.

Three of the nine also are now pursuing graduate work in theology at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Meet The Faculty

T. Layton Fraser, Professor of Bible

Dr. T. Layton Fraser, professor of Bible at Presbyterian College, is the author of religious workbooks used by colleges and young people's conference.

One of his workbooks for conferences and vacation Bible schools, "With Savior and Friend", has been translated into Spanish in Mexico. Two others of this type are "God and His People" and "Trail to A Greater Future".

A number of Bible courses at other colleges use his "A Survey of the Old Testament" and "The Life and Philosophy of Christ". And Dr. Fraser has a book entitled "The Christian Life" which will be copyrighted this year.

Dr. Fraser, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has been on the PC faculty since 1947. Prior to that he taught at Presbyterian Junior College for a year, and his former pastorates include the First Church of Mount Vernon, Ga., three Presbyterian churches in New Jersey, Graves End Neck Chapel of Brooklyn and the First Church of Maxton, N. C., for two years before coming to Presbyterian College.

He received his BA degree from Davidson, his Master of Systematic Theology from the Biblical Seminary in New York and his Th. D. degree from Union Seminary in Richmond.

Dr. Fraser is married to the former Ruth Gibson Brown of Sweet Hall, Va., and they have three daughters.

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